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UNITED STATES.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HYGIENE.

[Adopted since July 1, 1911.]

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

PRIVIES—CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

SECTION 1. Size and dimensions: No privy house shall be constructed of less than the following dimensions, inside measurements: 7½ feet in height, 4 feet in width (from side to side), and 3½ feet in depth (front to rear).

(2) Material: All privies shall be constructed of good quality dressed, tongue-and-groove ceiling, not less than thirteen-sixteenths inch in thickness, and no board shall be over 6 inches in width. It is recommended that the house be painted.

(3) Location on premises: All privies shall be so located on the premises as to be readily accessible to the collectors of night soil.

(4) Floor: The bottom frame of the house shall be of not less than 3 by 4 inch heart sills, and the floor shall be of heart pine, tongue-and-groove flooring, laid on that portion of the frame work outside of the seat, or the floor outside of the seat may be concrete.

(5) Windows: For light and ventilation, there shall be near the top of the house, at least one opening, not less than 2 square feet, which shall be covered with wire "fly screening." This opening shall also be provided with a sliding sash.

(6) Seat: The riser of the seat shall be 18 inches in height. The seat shall be provided with a substantial, tight, wood cover, hinged to the back of the house and of sufficient size to cover the opening or openings in the seat.

(7) Box: The night soil box shall be 1-inch heart pine and shall be substantially constructed. It shall be of not less than the following dimensions, inside measurements: 42 inches in length, 14 inches in width, and 12 inches in depth. Each end of the box shall rest on a cleat, dressed on the upper surface and nailed to the bottom framework of the house, so that the box can be easily removed. The box shall clear the sides of the house by 2 inches at the end.

(8) Box opening: The opening for the removal of the night soil box shall be at the rear of the house, where this is practicable; the opening shall abut on a public alley, so that the scavenger may remove the night soil without entering the premises. The opening shall be provided with a tightly-fitting, let-down board cover, hinged to the house and so constructed as to prevent the access of flies to the night soil. For the purpose of ventilating the box, there shall be at each end of the house and immediately over the box, an opening not less than 6 inches square. This opening shall be covered with wire "fly screen" gauze.

(9) Roof: The roof shall be covered with tin or other water-tight metal material, and shall be painted. If the roof slopes to the rear of the house, it shall project not less than 6 inches beyond the rear of the house.

(10) Door: The door shall be of sufficient size and well jointed, and shall be self-closing.

(11) Whenever it be deemed necessary by the health officer, on account of the number of persons living on the premises, or, in case of public or semi-public places, on account of the number of persons having access to any privy, that there should be on said premises a closet house and box of larger dimensions than above specified, the health officer shall order a house and box of such size and dimensions as he may deem necessary to meet the requirements of the case.

SEC. 2. (1) In case privies existing prior to March 1, 1912, are not in accordance with the foregoing section, the owner of the property shall not be required to reconstruct the privy unless said privy is a menace to health, but all privies shall comply with the following minimum requirements.

(2a) The roof shall be water-tight and shall not discharge rain water into the night soil box.

(b) The house shall be without openings or cracks through which flies may enter the house. It shall be provided with a tight self-closing door. It shall have an opening or openings for light and ventilation, which opening or openings shall be screened for the exclusion of flies.

(c) The seat shall have a hinged cover sufficient to cover the opening or openings in the seat.

(d) There shall be a tightly-fitting, let-down, hinged cover over the box opening for the exclusion of flies.

(e) The box shall be of tight construction and shall not project beyond the house.

(3) Failure to meet any of the above minimum requirements is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance and a menace to public health, and shall be abated by the owner on 10 days' written notice from the health officer's department.

(4) All alterations which shall hereafter be made on any privy in the city of Birmingham shall be made in accordance with the requirements under section 1 of this ordinance, and whenever it shall become necessary to entirely reconstruct or to change the location of any existing privy, the new privy shall be constructed throughout in conformity to said requirements.

(5) Whenever the condition of any privy is such that it can not be put in sanitary condition the same is hereby declared a public nuisance, and the health officer shall order the property owner to construct a new privy within 10 days after notice in conformity with section 1, and failure to comply with such order shall be punished on conviction as provided in section 806 of the city code of Birmingham, Ala.

SEC. 3. (1) The rules laid down in section 1 of this ordinance governing the construction of dry closets in the city of Birmingham are hereby declared to be applicable to all buildings in the course of erection in the city of Birmingham. Such buildings shall be provided with dry closets for the use of workmen, which closets shall be constructed in conformity with said rules, except that where the contractor so prefers and where city water and city sewer are available, connection may be made with said sewer, and a water-closet installed before building is begun.

(2) It shall be the duty of the contractor or builder to have all deposits in such dry closets removed at least twice a month.

SEC. 4. Maintenance: (1) All privies shall be kept clean at all times.

(2) The cover to the seat shall be kept closed at all times when the privy is not in use.

(3) The door of the house shall not be allowed to remain open at any time, unless there is a self-closing fly door in addition to the door required under the above rules.

(4) No wash water, kitchen slops, or other liquid wastes shall be emptied into the privy.

(5) No person shall deposit night soil from any person known to be suffering with typhoid fever or dysentery, or other specific bowel trouble in any privy without being previously disinfected in such manner as directed or approved by the health department.

(6) These rules and regulations apply only to property for which there is no sewer available. Where sewer is available connection must be made with the same and the proper water-closet installed.

SEC. 5. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided by section 806 of the code of the city of Birmingham.

[Ordinance No. 67-C, adopted Feb. 28, 1912.]

HOBOKEN, N. J.

MEAT, POULTRY, GAME, AND FISH—PROTECTION OF FROM DUST AND DIRT.

1. That the body of any animal, or any part thereof, which is to be used as human food, shall not be carted or carried through the streets or avenues, unless it be so covered as to protect it from dust and dirt; and no meat, poultry, game, or fish shall be hung or exposed for sale in any street or outside of any shop or store, or in the open windows or doorways thereof, in the city of Hoboken: *Provided, however*, That nothing herein shall prohibit the exposure for sale of any meat, poultry, fish, or game from vehicles in any of the streets of the city of Hoboken, wherein said meat, poultry, game, or fish is properly covered so as to protect it from dust and dirt.

2. Any person or persons offending against or violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, on conviction thereof, pay a penalty of \$20.

[Ordinance, board of health, adopted July 28, 1912.]